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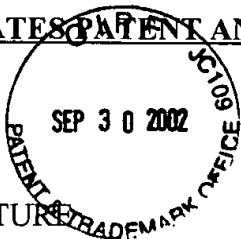
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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**IN THE TITLE**

Please delete the current title and replace it with the following:

"INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING A BARRIER STRUCTURE"

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 19, 22, 94, and 97. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

19. (Amended) An integrated circuit comprising:
  - a first device;
  - a second device;
  - a contact coupling the first device to the second device; and
  - [an] a barrier structure encircling the contact.
22. (Amended) An integrated circuit comprising:
  - a first device;
  - a second device;
  - one or more layers coupling the first device to the second device, at least one of the one